

Weekly Status & Information Report: August 6 - 9, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of August 13, 2012:

- The City Council is on recess and does not plan to meet again until Tuesday, September 4.
- Tree Commission meeting, Tuesday, August 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. (City Clerk)

**2. TONIGHT - Opening Reception:** Join us this evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as we celebrate Repeat Notions, an exploration of repetitive marks, actions, and imagery by Pyramid Atlantic printmakers. Exhibit can be viewed in Gallery 3 on the third floor of the Takoma Park Community Center. Free event. [www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events](http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events) (Housing and Community Development)

**3. TONIGHT - Premier of "How to Catch a Moving Train:"** We are Takoma presents the premier of Jim Landry's multi-media production "How to Catch a Moving Train or My Trip Across America" on this evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. With a storyteller's heart and a photographer's eye, Landry traveled by train across America in the mid-1970s, making one crucial mistake from which we all can learn. Suggested donation \$15. [www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events](http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events) (Housing and Community Development)

4. SCRIBBLER'S CABAL: All young artists are invited to the Library's monthly "Scribbler's Cabal," which takes place from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. this Saturday, August 11. Led by Dave Burbank, library assistant and artist extraordinaire, this program is a great venue for young artists to meet with others who also love to draw, to swap ideas, and gain inspiration. Bring your pens, pencils, pads and creativity. No registration required. (Library)

5. Morning & Afternoon Addition Program - Hurry, Hurry, Hurry!: Parents, there are less than 10 spaces remaining in the 2012-2013 Morning & Afternoon Addition Program. If you have not already registered please do so before it's too late. The Morning & Afternoon Addition Program is designed to provide before and after school recreational activities for children enrolled in Kindergarten through sixth grade, ages 5 through 12 years. Through structured activities and free choice of activities, there are opportunities for socializing, unwinding, and releasing energy, as well as time for doing homework. Activities may be arranged according to ages, interests, and geared toward varying skill levels. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Initial registration must be done in person at the Community Center from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. For additional information please contact Dana Jackson at (301)891-7281 or [DanaJ@takomagov.org](mailto:DanaJ@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

6. COMICS JAM: We're doing a special evening edition of our popular Comics Jam program this Monday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m. Join comics guru Dave Burbank as he reads comics on the big screen in the Children's Room. The program concludes with Dave taking drawing requests from audience members, who can watch him draw via the big screen. This is a fun family program! No registration necessary. (NOTE: Comics Jam is usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.; our next program is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4). (Library)

**7. CDBG Applications - Deadline September 24:** The City of Takoma Park is accepting proposals for the use of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to community organizations for a wide range of activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and the provision of improved community facilities and services. Deadline for submissions is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2012. Program Guidelines and FY14 Application Form are available at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/) (Housing and Community Development)

8. Camp Recess - A Week to Remember: The 8th week of Camp Recess was tremendous. Highlights for the week included a pizza party with free pizza provided by Pizza Roma; a water balloon contest; and free sno-cones from Kona Ice. In addition, campers participated in a pictorial collage. The week's creme-de-la-creme was the excursion to the National Zoo on August 9th. This was a great summer for all. Best of luck to everyone as they prepare for their return to school. (Recreation)

9. Camp Takoma - Wet & Wild Safari: What a splashy time at Camp Takoma this week! Campers had fun participating in water events such as relays, balloon toss, sharks and minnows, and an ice cube pick up. Not only did our little adventurers play with water, but they also went on a wild animal hunt! Participants had a wonderful time searching for different animals tucked away behind Piney Branch Elementary School. Campers were able to paint water lizards, decorate animal pictures with sand, design beautiful canvas water bottle holders and create safari wind chimes. Participants got to show off their delightful swimming skills when we visited the Martin Luther King Jr. pool and Manassas Splash Down Water Park! (Recreation)

10. Summer Game Show for Seniors: Sixteen seniors came to the Takoma Park Senior Room to play a fun and simple version of Let's Make A Deal on Friday, August 10. Seniors used their skills to outwit their game show host Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, to win prizes. (Recreation)

11. Y.E.S. League Playoffs Begin Next Week: Playoff basketball games for the High School Division and Young Adult Division take place next week on Wednesday and Thursday nights respectively. Championship games will be held next Friday night. All the action will take place at the Steve Francis Basketball Court. For more information please contact Bradley Williams at (301) 891-7282. (Recreation)

12. National Night Out: Interim Chief Tracy thanks the residents, City employees, elected officials and National Night Out

participants for making National Night Out on August 7 another successful event. Citizens and police working together is a recipe for successful crime reduction. (Police)

13. National Night Out and the Recreation Department: The Recreation Department was out in full force on Tuesday night as we celebrated the community's National Night Out event, hosted by the Takoma Park Police Department. Interactive games drew a large crowd of youth and adults, while adults and seniors looked impressive during the line dance and exercise program demonstrations. (Recreation)

14. Security Planning: The Takoma Park Police Department is reaching out to the faith-based institutions to provide them with security and safety information. We are also working with the Department of Homeland Security to assist with threat analyses for those institutions that request additional security planning. (Police)

15. Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):

- On August 6, Officer Magnaye conducted her Junior Police Academy; and, on August 7, she coordinated National Night Out.
- On August 8, Officer Magnaye attended the Maryland Governor's Crime Prevention Awards Committee meeting.
- On August 9, Officer Magnaye met with the Park Ritchie Management team in reference to suspicious persons and solicitors in their building. (Police)

16. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (August 3-9, 2012) may be viewed online at [http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/08/takoma-park-police-department-weekly\\_9.html](http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/08/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_9.html). (Police)

17. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 134 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, three vehicle impounds, three Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests from traffic and four warrant service arrests from traffic.

During July 31 – August 9, 2012, the following details were completed:

July 31, 2012

- New Hampshire Avenue & University Blvd. (red light enforcement) – conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two warnings.

August 3, 2012

- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no u-turn enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued five warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued six State citations.

August 4, 2012

- New Hampshire Avenue & Sligo Creek Parkway (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four State citations and two warnings.
- New Hampshire Avenue & University Boulevard (red light enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations and three warnings.
- Grant Avenue & Hancock Avenue (one-way/do not enter enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and two warnings.
- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no u-turn enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.

August 5, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued six State citations.

August 6, 2012

- Conducted details at various locations throughout the City throughout the shift with the tag reader and issued 11 State citations and two warnings.
- Maple Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- Poplar Avenue & Columbia Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations and one warning.

August 7, 2012

- Conducted details at various locations throughout the City throughout the shift with the tag reader and issued eight State citations and five warnings.

August 8, 2012

- Maple Avenue & Tulip Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.
- Conducted details at various locations throughout the City throughout the shift with the tag reader and issued six State citations and three warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.

August 9, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Carroll Avenue (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations. (Police)

18. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Stats for August 6-9, 2012

State Citations issued: 25

Warnings: 11

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 3

Calls for Service: 13

Reports Written: 3

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 2

Court: 5 hours

(Police)